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Von Walther, from the German Embassy, came to see me this morning. He says Blankenhorn is disturbed over the possibility of René Mayer blocking the London-Paris accords. Blankenhorn asked him to request me to talk to René on the subject.

I had a talk with Mr. Hrones, who has undertaken to buy my Studebaker car.

This evening we had dinner at the Café de Paris with Pierre Brisson. The others were Monsieur de Noailles, Jacqueline Patenôtre, the Paul Reynauds, the Roger Massips, and Roger Seydoux. Seydoux, an old friend of mine, had just arrived from Tunis, where he is the Political Adviser. He thinks the Fellagaha movement there can be handled by additional French troops, since these irregulars number only about 2,500 men. According to him, the problem is [redacted] difficult because the Fellagahas know the country thoroughly and are almost impossible to corner.

There was great argumentation over the prospective merits of the EDC Treaty and its alternative. The consensus appeared to be that France had made a bad choice. I refrained from the conversation and let the French fight over it.

The proprietor of the Café de Paris, one of the great gastronomical features of Paris, reflected sadly to me on its diminished state. He thought this was in large part due to the difficulty of parking near the restaurant, and is avidly eying another site. Filled with a truly remarkable meal, of which fresh truffles were a main feature, I did not feel it proper to comment that perhaps the notoriously high prices of his establishment might have contributed to the diminution of his clientele. When I was younger, it was a great resort of the demi-mondaines and their rich associates. Since these lovely ladies have diminished in numbers, owing to a variety of social and economic conditions, the Café de Paris is somewhat sad as compared with its spectacular past.

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